





minutes of the Annual General meeting of the  
Council of Irish County Associations held at  
the Irish Centre, 52 Camden Square, N.W. 1  
on Sunday <sup>27<sup>th</sup></sup> Feb. 1966.

The Chairman Mr. James Conway presided.  
Delegates as per the register were present  
together with Mr. Leehan representing His  
Excellency the Irish Ambassador Mr. J.G.  
Molloy.

Apologies were received from Mr. Owen  
Sweeney and Mr. J. Beckett.

A Greetings telegram conveying good  
wishes was received from Mr. Beckett  
and letter from Alan Conner.

The Chairman opened the meeting and  
welcomed all delegates to the meeting.  
He introduced to the meeting Mr. O'Mahony  
who was representing a group of shareholders  
of the National Bank who were protesting  
against the take over bid.

Mr. O'Mahony outlined details of take over  
and its effects. In thanking Mr. O'Mahony  
the Chairman said owing to the nature  
of the business of the day no discussion  
should follow Mr. O'Mahony's report.

Standing Orders were unanimously adopted.  
In his opening address the Chairman  
thanked all present for the support  
given to the Officers and himself.  
The President in his address paid



tribute to the work done by the  
Officers of the Council together with  
the Officers of the various county  
Associations. He said that County  
Associations should carry on the  
charitable work they were doing.

Appointment of Tellers:

Messrs James Guffin (Waterford) Owen  
Brammer (Offaly) and J. Vaughan (Cleeve)  
were appointed tellers.

On the proposition of Mr. Wise it was decided  
to take as read the Minutes of the last  
A.G.M. as they had been already read  
and signed.

The Secretary in his report dealt with  
the affiliation of new counties and of the  
part played by these associations in the  
country. Dealing with the Social  
side he said that we could look  
back on the year with a certain  
amount of satisfaction. He thanked  
the Chairman and President for their  
generous donations throughout the year.  
He also thanked Dr. Moore, Dr. Keay  
and others who helped in our Social  
functions. On the Annual Dinner he  
said that this was a very successful  
function and all were to be  
thanked for their efforts.



The secretary thanked all Counties for their support in the Cambridgeshire Drain. Also the Individual Drain. He congratulated Mr Beckett for winning the Drain and thanked the Organiser & his helpers.

Thanking his fellow officers and County Assoc and delegates the secretary thanked all for their cooperation throughout the year. He also thanked all the newspapers. He also expressed his thanks to the Irish Centre for the facilities given to the Associations & the Council. It was agreed that Secretary's report be available 2 weeks prior to AGM. The Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer & Ass.

Secretary were returned unopposed. The Outgoing Vice Chairman Mr Noonan stated that he was not going forward. The Chairman thanked Mr Noonan for his service to the Council.

Two contestants were forward for the Vice Chairman's position, the result being Mr. Gerald O'Shyn (Galway) defeating Mr. J. Waterford.

The Treasurer gave a detailed account of the year from the Executive Committee elected 15 with <sup>Baloe Street</sup> will attend the officers were.

messrs. J. Vaughan, J. W. H. J. McE. W. Barrow. P. Byrne & D. Butler together with Miss Conway. A motion by the health Association was withdrawn by the proposer.



Arising from any other business.

On the proposition of Mr Barron a letter was to be sent to British Railways, The Irish Government stating that "At the meeting of the Council the action of British Railways on increasing their fares was deplored".

The next meeting was fixed for 9th March.

Edw J O'Connell  
26/2/67



Minutes of Meeting held at the  
Irish Centre 20/4/1966.

Mr James Conway, Chairman presided  
at a well attended meeting of the  
above, held at the Irish Centre,  
Camden Town N.W.1. on Wednesday April 20<sup>th</sup>  
1966. Officers with delegates as per  
Register were present.

The Chairman welcomed the delegates & in  
particular Carlou & Dawn to the meeting  
& called on the Hon Sec to read the  
minutes of the last A.G.M. which were not  
available at the March Monthly Meeting.  
The Minutes were duly read without a  
discussion. The minutes of the last  
General meeting were then read,  
approved & signed by the Chairman on  
the Proposition of Mr T. Wyse. Cork, Seconded  
by Mr T. Beckett. Sligo.

Arising from the minutes, the Vice-Chairman  
Mr Jerry O. Flynn. Galway, asked, if  
further information was available regarding  
the proposed Council Newsletter. A General  
discussion arose with many delegates  
taking part, & eventually the following  
Editorial Board was appointed of the  
Hon Sec: The Ass. Hon. Sec. The Vice-Chairman  
& Messrs. T. Wyse & John Teehan Longford.

It was also decided to Publish the first  
issue in June 1966. & to request  
County Secretaries to Supply information of  
functions etc on or before 27/4/1966 &



to concentrate mostly on County functions for the first few editions of the Monthly Newsletter. with expenses of same to come from Council funds.

### Correspondence.

Correspondences were read from Mr P. Walshe organising Sec of the New Bedford Irish Society, requesting names & addresses of County Association Officers. (granted Sec to supply same) & Mr T. Wyse agreed to supply notable artists for Concert Programmes.

A. was also added that automatic information <sup>on sample lines</sup> be furnished by the Hon Sec, on the proposition of Mr P. J. Cappenrey seconded by Mr. J. O'Reilly. A letter from Greenhills, Carter to the Accountants fees for £4-17-8. re auditing Irish County Club books. was left to the appointed Sub-Committee. of Directors appointed some years ago, who would report progress at the May Monthly meeting.

Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, requested a donation of a suitable cup. for their forthcoming Irish Cheer. in May. It was decided to purchase a trophy for £10. & to request Mr Sparrow to discuss the matter with the Officers.

### THANKS.

At this stage, Mr Terry O' Llynn moved a vote of thanks to the Kilkenny Association for their kind hospitality on the occasion of the last General Meeting when the Mayor of Kilkenny met them. The vote seconded by Cuan was endorsed by other delegates.



RESOLUTION - Mr John Teehan, Longford who  
quoted extracts from paper cuttings & gave  
an a/c of the intended closing down of  
Longford Co. Hospital. After long deliberation on  
the matter, the following resolution was carried on  
the Proposition of the Speaker, Seconded by Mr Tom  
Gillieron, Roscommon. That this Council fully support  
the protest of the Longford Ass. in London at the  
Proposal of the Irish Minister for Health, to close  
the Longford Co. Hosp. & it deplores the  
tendency to concentrate the medical facilities,  
paid for by the nation as a whole, in a  
few large Centres.

Treasurers Report - The Hon Treasurer Mr M. Walters  
submitted a detailed report, which showed a  
Credit of £378-7-1. to date: On the proposition of  
Mr T. Beckett; Seconded by Mr P. Byrne, the report  
was adopted & congrats voiced by the above in  
conjunction with Mr Caffrey for an excellent job  
rendered by Mr Walters. Replying to a question  
the Hon Sec, informed the meeting that that  
14 Dinner Tickets were still unpaid for, but cash  
should be available for same by next meeting.  
On the Annual Cambridgeshire Draw, the Treasurer  
requested an early distribution of tickets & it was  
agreed that Centres <sup>who</sup> request tickets should pay  
cash for receipt of same on the basis of £30 for £10.  
Proposed by Mr J O'Flynn. Seconded by Mr T. Vaughan.  
On the matter of donating £100 to the Welfare fund at  
The Irish Centre. an amendment of Mr R. Daly Galway  
Seconded by P. Quigley Derry. That the matter  
be referred to the Executive Committee  
to fully discuss the matter, defeated.



The Proposition of Mr T. Beckett. Seconded by Mr T. Vaughan. £100 be donated by 27 Votes to 7.

### St. Patrick's Parade Committee.

The C/man thanked all for their part in this years. St. Pat's Day Parade. Good observations were voiced by Mrs R. Wyse. & Mrs Clinton Dublin. Re the arrangements of the Parade. & the Sec. T. Murphy Concludes the Report in notifying the delegates of the A.G.M. of the above at 99 Belgrave Rd. S.W.I. on Tues. 3rd May 1966 @ 8.30pm. He also appealed for affiliation fees of £3 still outstanding for the 1965/66 to be paid as soon as possible.

### 1916. COMMITTEE.

The C/man Reported progress on the above Committee. And noted that County Ass. lacked the collective organisations in attending functions etc. On the proposition of Mr T. Vaughan. Seconded by Mr T. Beckett. a vote of Thanks was passed to I.T.V. for 2 Programmes on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the Easter Rising 1916. The Sec was to send a letter Re same to the Director of I.T.V.

### IRISH CENTRE MEMBERSHIP CLUB.

A long discussion took place on this & the matter was adjourned until the next meeting.

### BRITISH RAILWAYS.

The Hon Sec Reported having written to British Rail & Board of Trade Re 10/- levy on Sailing Tickets to Ireland. It was decided to close the matter for the moment. & to have an Editorial Comment in the 15th Newsletter.



## FUNCTIONS.

Many functions for the coming month were submitted by delegates. This concluded the business of the meeting. Progress was reported by the Cman. who thanked these present for their attendance & the next meeting was fixed for Wed May 18<sup>th</sup> & the Irish Centre is a special EXECUTIVE for 11/5/66.

E. M. C. Leary  
15/6/66.



Minutes of Monthly Meeting held at Irish  
Centre 52 Camden Square on Wednesday May  
18<sup>th</sup> 1966.

Mrs James Conway C/man presided at  
the meeting of the above & welcomed  
delegates & apologised for the absence of  
the Hon Sec. Mr Maurice Connor who was  
unable to attend owing to illness. & hence  
no minutes or Correspondence were available.  
Apology from Vice C/man Mr J O Flynn was  
also tendered.

The C/man gave a detailed account of the  
Executive Committee meeting of the 11/5/66 regarding  
the £100 donation to the Welfare fund at the  
Irish Centre. On the Proposition of Mr Vaughan  
Clare, Seconded by Mr Noonan Limerick  
the Recommendation was passed & the presentation  
to be made at the next monthly meeting  
which was then fixed for June 15<sup>th</sup>. It was  
also passed to request the use of the Kennedy  
Hall for the meeting on this & every occasion  
where possible.

On the matter of the Annual Dinner/Dance  
fixed for the Gresham Ballroom, The Archway  
for Thursday Nov 10<sup>th</sup>, several delegates  
remarked that a Steak Menu was not a  
suitable one for a Collective Dinner Party  
& after a discussion it was agreed to  
request a list of Menus from Mr T. Gorman.  
On the subject of the main guests, an  
Amendment of Mr T. Clinton, Seconded  
by Mr P. Byrne was carried by 39 votes  
to 7 defeating the Council Recommendation.



that the name J. De Ramsey be added to the two main guests of Mr Sean Lemass T.D. An Taisce & His Eminence Cardinal John Heenan, Archbishop of Westminster. Mr T. Beckett, who arrived earliest informed the Chairman that he was the appointed Credited delegate of the Sligo Ass. on the Council, & Mr Waters Hon Treasurer apologised for giving a different view at the last EXECUTIVE meeting.

The Hon Treasurer in his report showed Cash in bank of £396-2-0 today with a £3 profit on Bacon & Cabbage Dinner & £11 deficit on the Annual Dinner/Dance last November. Some ticket money was still outstanding. He hoped to tie up the matter with Mr O'Connor the Hon Sec. before the next meeting. The Report was adopted on the proposition of Mr Vaughan, seconded by Mr Clive Fogarty (Clare). Approval was given for Down to enter the 1966 Quiz Competition v. Donegal, when the organiser Mr Waters, stated that this years Competition was getting off to a very slow start. He also announced that the 1965 final would be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Irish Centre Galway v. Sligo. & it was also agreed that the tickets for the Cambridge Shire Draw would be available on that night. Teemanagh informed the c/man that they were not participating in the Draw & the c/man appealed for all to help in the Draw as a considerable



amount of Revenue could be received from this annual fund raising unit. He also stated that the Hon Sec was to arrange a number of functions with dance hall proprietors & a report should be ready for the next meeting. Mr Dawson asked if notifications were sent on for meetings as he had failed to receive them as a Tipperary delegate. Following a short discussion, the C/man stated that delegates only would in future be circularised & he would have talks with Mr O'Connor re same.

Mr John Vaughan spoke of the "Save the West" campaign & appealed for support for the next meeting arranged for Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 1966, at the Church Hall Quex Rd. N.W.B.

On talks of the newsletter it was hoped that it would be ready prior to the next general meeting in June after the. Ass Sec Mr T. Murphy told the meeting that only 2 County Ass. had returned items of venues for functions.

A list of future functions was then announced by delegates.

On the matter of other business Mr W. Garrahan, Waterford, proposed a vote of sympathy to the late Hon Sec on the death of his mother, other votes coupled were Se. Knight President WATAss. (Mother) Michael Beary himself C/man - Mother in-law, & relatives of the late Paddy Beary.



C. A. A. Tupperary (letters to be sent to  
above Dependents).

The C/man led the vote with a short  
prayer, & all stood in silence for a  
moment.

This concluded the business, progress  
was reported by the C/man, who thanked  
all for their attendance & the next  
meeting was fixed as stated above  
with the Sep. meeting to be a C/man.  
& Secretary's one. The ~~next~~ meeting closed  
at 10.30 pm

Edmund Connors  
15/6/66.



## Minutes of Irish County Ass. meeting 15-6-1966

The June monthly meeting of the above provided over by C'man, Mr. James Conway, and held at the Irish Centre, Camden Town, N.W.1, on Wednesday, June, 15<sup>th</sup> 1966, ~~was~~ attended by most of the 25 Counties affiliated to date as per signed attendance sheet.

The chairman declaring the meeting opened, welcomed the delegates and apologized for the absence of Mr. R. Daly, Galway and the Hon. Sec. Mr. M. O'Connor who would attend presently. He also apologized for the holding of to-nights meeting in the Staff Dining Room due to a function in progress at the Kennedy Memorial Hall, in reply to questions raised by Waterford delegates. The chairman promised to pursue the matter with the Centre's Executive to have most of the functions held at the main hall also the intended increase <sup>charge</sup> for the Kennedy Hall in the future.

It was then decided to carry on with other relevant business till the arrival of the minute book and Raffle Tickets were distributed on the Cambridgeshire Draw when £30 worth were now available from the Hon Treas at £10. Credit was given to associations until the July monthly meet then arranged for July, 20<sup>th</sup> at the Irish Centre.

Correspondence A letter from Comairas Ceolroice Liscann thanking the Council for their perpetual donation was read by the C'man. The C'man also announced the lecture sponsored by the United Ireland Ass. at the Irish Club on June, 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Treasurer's Report The Hon Treasurer's Report showing Cash Balance of £327-11-10 with 25 Counties now paid up was adopted on the proposition of J. Vaughan, seconded by P. Byrne, and thanks voiced to Mr. Waters for same.

### Fund Raising

On the matter of the above, it was agreed to hold a Benefit Dance



in aid of Executive Funds at the Asanmore, Ballyan, on Friday, Sept: 9<sup>th</sup> Tickets 5/- each, 6/- on Door and a resolution that all affiliated Counties be responsible for 4 Tickets at £1 was unanimously carried.

permission was also agreed to allow credit to Counties to accept the Raffle Tickets for Cambridgeshire Draw and to return cash for same to Hon. Secs. as soon as possible. On the matter of investing Executive funds in Irish Bonds, the matter was deferred to the Executive.

At this stage, Mr. O'Connor, Hon. Sec. arrived and the minutes of the April & May minutes were then read, approved and duly signed by the C'man on the proposition of T. Noonan & James Wyse. Mr. P. Byrne. next raised the matter if all recognised delegates were notified of to-night's meeting? and the Hon Sec replied in the affirmative.

The question of the Newsletter was again before this meeting and after a request that at least 50 words be submitted to the Hon Sec at which every County represented at the meeting agreed, <sup>to</sup> it was decided to hold a meeting of the Editorial Board shortly with the view of having the first copy ready for the July meeting. Mr. Walter Malone was appointed proxy for Mr. Tom Wyse who was to be on holidays shortly.

### Driz Whinners

Mr. Luke Kennedy, Sligo, extended congratulations to Galway on their victory over his county in the Guiness Cup Final, 1965 and asked if arrangements were made for representatives from The Irish Rugby & Guiness to be present. Mr. O'Connor, Hon. Sec replied to the questions. Mr. Kennedy also suggested that as a small token of appreciation that all Driz Masters be sent an invitation to the annual ~~general~~ Dinner/Dance on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>. Mr. O'Dwyer, vice-chairman on behalf of Galway thanked Mr. Kennedy and the C'man for their messages.



## Longford Resolution

Mr. Tony Clinton, Dublin, raised the matter of the wisdom of the Council's resolution in connection with the recent <sup>alleged</sup> closing of the Longford County Hospital as ~~passed~~ <sup>passed</sup> at the last meeting and pointed out that the Dublin Association wished to be dis-associated with the resolution. Mr. Jim Cole, Longford, replied to Mr. Clinton.

## Appeal

The Michael Collins appeal was left over to the next meeting.

## Quiz Report.

The Organiser, Mr. Waters gave a report to date of games played and still outstanding in the first round and appealed on the latter to ~~endeavour~~ <sup>endeavour</sup> to have them completed by next meeting.

## Presentation

The subject of a presentation to Mr. Tom Noonan, the former Vice-Chairman who was returning shortly to Ireland was left to the officers.

Congratulations were passed to the following Mr. R. Daly, Galway as Chief Ranger Mr. Pat Cushe as M.B.E. and Ald Denis Dwyer as Oodes of St. Gregory. Proposed by G. O'Hylan, seconded by L. Kennedy.

Mr. Fogarty, Clonsilla, told the meeting that a Mr. Walsh of Des Vigos had requested him to raise the matter for permission for him to address the Council re reduced fares etc. Permission granted for next meeting.

## Sympathy.

Mr. Jim Griffin, thanked the council for the message of sympathy to him on the death of his family. The chairman led prayers for the soul of the



late V. Ref. Fr. Delaney, O.S.A. Hammesmith and  
a message of sympathy was passed to the clergy  
and relations of Fr. Delaney.  
This concluded the business, program was reported  
by the chairman who thanked the members for  
their attendance and then presented a cheque  
for \$100 to Fr. Owen Sweeney, Chaplain  
Irish Centre who accepted same for the Welfare  
Fund and photos taken of presentation by  
Mr. P. J. Fahy, photographer

Sister O'Connell  
25/7/66.



Council of Irish County Association  
20/7/1966

Mr. James Conway, C'man, presided at the July monthly meeting of the above and held at the John F. Kennedy Memorial Hall, Irish Centre on Wed, 20th July, 1966. There was a fair attendance as per Attendant Sheet. Mr. T. Murphy, apologised for the absence of the Hon. Sec. Mr. Maurice O'Connor, in Ireland on holidays.

The C'man declaring the meeting open, welcomed the delegates and a representative from Sea Lingus who had come along to try and sell Sea Lingus travel to the delegate.

The minutes of the previous meeting were then read, approved and signed on the proposition of Mr. Wyse, seconded by Mr. Griffin.

Arising from the minutes, the answer was in the negative regarding the written invitation to Guests in Ireland for annual Dinner/Dance, and following a phone message from Ireland from the Hon. Sec. Mr. O'Connor, the acting Sec. told the meeting that His Eminence Cardinal Heenan could not attend.

At the stage the Sea Lingus Sales Manager addressed the meeting and gave a very informative details as to group and individual travel via Sea Lingus to & from Ireland. He also answered many questions by the delegates and the chairman in returned thanked Mr. Walsh, Waterford for his capable address. The meeting also requested Mr. Walsh to submit his terms of travel to the Hon. Sec. Mr. O'Connor who would then circulate them to the county groups.

The Hon. Sec's Report of Mr. Michael Waters was submitted and adopted on the proposition of Mr. L. Kennedy & Mr. P. Maypoat  
Irish Centre

Mr. Tim Griffin, Waterford, raised the matter of the recent document from the officers of the Irish Centre Club and the Administrative Committee of the Irish Centre of the proposed increase for the use



of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Hall, on Saturday nights, and other matters arising from the circular. Several other delegates raised similar points and joined in discussion on the above and eventually it was decided that a committee of 7 to include the vice-chairman, Mr. C. O'Flynn who would act as spokesman, Mr. Waters, Hon Treas, Mr. O'Connor, Hon. Sec. with one from each province of Mr. Luke Kennedy, Connaught, Mr. Griffin, Munster, Mr. McCafferty, Leinster and Mr. J. Brady, Cavan. permission to meet the Irish Centre was to be requested and the delegation meeting was fixed for the Lord High Admiral, on Wed, 27<sup>th</sup> July at 8.30 p.m.

Other relevant business without agreement were discussed.

This concluded the business of the meeting. Payers was reported by the Chairman, who thanked all for their attendance and stated that no meetings would be held in August or September but reminded the delegates of the meeting of C'man & Secretaries in September who had a very successful meeting last year. In conclusion he asked the delegates if any of them were eager to accept 2 cancelled bookings at the Irish Centre on Saturday nights. No County requested the date and the matter closed. The meeting then ended at 10.20 p.m.

Seán O'Connell  
19/10/66.



Council Meeting 19th October:-

Minutes of a meeting held at the Irish Centre  
Cannon Square on Wednesday 19th October 1966.  
Mr. Gleeson presided. Apologies were received  
from the Vice Chairman & the Waterford Association  
and Mr. Caffrey Westmeath.

The minutes of the previous meeting were  
read and signed on the proposition of  
Mr. Humphrey Cork & seconded by Mr. Kennedy  
Sligo.

Leonesherdene was read from Mr. B. Conish Irish  
Labour Party regretting his inability to attend  
& wishing the function every success. The  
Chairman advised that he would be unable  
to attend the Council Dinner as he would  
be abroad on that date.

A letter was read from Sam de West regarding  
the objects of the Committee. It was decided  
that a representative from the Committee  
would attend the next council meeting.

Mr. James Brady of Caron requested why a report  
of a council meeting was disclosed to a London  
newspaper. It was agreed that as the press officer  
who submitted the article to the newspaper was  
not present it was decided to leave the  
matter to the next meeting.

The Chairman complimented the Treasurer on  
his Report which was adopted and which  
showed a balance of £300 at Bank.

The draw for the Draw was made & the  
date's were to be arranged between the  
Counties concerned.



On the Annual Dinner tickets available  
and countries were requested to apply for  
same. It was agreed that the executive  
committee should meet and finalise the  
details of the dinner.

Mr Desmond Quinn of the Columbian Lakes  
addressed the meeting and gave details  
of a tour to America being arranged  
for 1967 and ~~(see date)~~ extended an  
invitation to members to enquire if  
they were interested.

G. O'Flynn

16th November 1966.



Minutes of a meeting of the Council of Irish County  
Associations held at the Irish Centre on Wednesday  
16<sup>th</sup> November. '66

As the Chairman Mr James Conway ~~was~~ was  
in America the Vice Chairman Mr Jerry O'  
Flynn presided. Executive members and delegates  
as per the register were present.  
Mr John Dore representing the West Committee  
London & Mr Michael Casey of the 1916 Commemorative  
Committee were present and both addressed  
the meeting.

Mr Dore gave details of the aims and objects  
of the Society the West Organisation and outlined  
the developments already undertaken by  
this Group and told all of the plans  
for the committee.

Mr Casey gave details of a dance being organised  
by the Committee to help offset the loss incurred  
in putting on the week's celebrations in London.  
All countries present assured Mr Casey of their  
support and took tickets for the dance.  
Following on the two speakers the minutes of  
the previous meeting were read and signed  
ending for the discussion it was agreed  
to give a donation of £25 to the 1916 Commemorative  
Committee. Mr Waters gave a detailed statement of the  
financial situation which was approved.  
A discussion followed on the Annual  
Dinner and it was felt that a Saturday  
night might be more suitable to the  
members. It was also thought advisable



to move on to April or May and avoid clashing with counties in October and November.

It was decided to write to the Laureate Mr Jack Lynch and give him an open invitation for any Saturday or Thursday in April. It was agreed to make inquiries regarding other venues where we knew if the Laureate was attending.

Mr Waters gave details of the arrangements made in connection with the Quiz, and informed the meeting that the heats and final of the individual quiz was arranged.

Arising from a discussion of the quiz it was pointed out that Kildare and Lifford had not replied to arrangements made. In view of this it was agreed to contact the Kildare Association to see if an effort could be made to get them active again. The Secretary informed the meeting that he would endeavour to contact the Chairman with a view to getting something moving.

In reply to the Vice Chairman the Secretary stated that only three counties had submitted any reports for the newsletter. Certain counties promised to get information for the December issue. Mr. J. J. Ward proposed a vote of thanks



to the officers who organised the Annual Dinner  
and said that all had enjoyed themselves.  
Several other delegates agreed that the  
night was an enjoyable one.

It was decided to have the next  
meeting on the 14th December at 8.30  
pm with an Executive at 8 pm

G. F. Lyon

14th December 1966.



# Council of Irish County Association

## December General Meeting

14-12-66

Mr. Gerry O'Hlynn, Galway, vice-chairman of the Council, presided at the December General meeting of the above, in the unavoidable absence of the C'man, Mr. Jim Conway, and held at the Irish Centre, Camden Sq. N.W.1. on Wednesday, December, 14<sup>th</sup> 1966. There was a big attendance of delegates present as per signed Roll attendance.

Before the meeting commenced, Mr. Michael Carey on behalf of the 1916 London Commemoration Committee, addressed and thanked the various County groups for their support to the recent held function to clear off the debt outstanding by the above said Committee. The acting C'man suitably replied.

The minutes of the previous meeting were then read, approved and signed on the proposition of L. Kennedy, seconded by J. Vaughan. Arising from the minutes, Mr. O'Connor, Hon. Sec., informed the meeting that due to heavy pressure of business, the Treasurer, Mr. J. Lynch, T.D., regretted his inability to attend the 1967 annual Dinner/Dance arranged for 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> April. The venue of John Baskers, Kensington and the Zoological Gardens Restaurant, Regents Park, were decided upon if available. Mr. Vaughan and Mr. King to make enquiries and to report result to Hon. Sec.

The Hon. Treas. Report showing a profit of £74 on the Cambridgeshire draw with £499.0.8 credit in the Bank plus more cash to come and Dinner Bill to be paid was adopted on the proposition of Mr. Jozzaty seconded by Mr. P. Byrne. The acting C'man in conjunction with the proposers extended thanks to Mr. Waters for the ~~the~~ capable Treasurer's Report.



## Quiz Winner

The acting C'man also extended congratulations to Mr. Waters, Organiser and winner of the Individual Quiz Contest, 1966. Following a discussion on the County Quiz competition the Close V Louth contest was finally fixed for 11<sup>th</sup> Jan, 1967 at the Irish Centre and the Galway V Dublin to be played off before the end of January, 1966.

Mr. T. Wyse informed the meeting that during the past week he met Mr. D. Dowling of Radio Cereann, who reported the information that it was very hopeful to broadcast the final of this Competition, and would write definite on the matter at a later date.

### Acc. Linges Charges

The matter on the above was discussed for the January monthly meeting which was later fixed for Wednesday, January, 18<sup>th</sup>, preceded by an Executive meeting at 8 p.m.

### Irish Centre Deputation.

The Hon Sec gave a detailed account of the meeting with the Irish Centre Administrative Committee as follows.

£10 charge withdrawn to County Ass. for Sat nights at J.F.V. Hall  
£5 deposit cancelled with reservations to notify Committee in ample time of cancelling of Booking. Written application for bookings. Ceiling for 120 people only for Bacon & Cabbage meals. Council Sub-Committee to allocate the Sat nights.

At this stage, the Keady Delegate, Mr. O'Sullivan, asked if it were true that the Council made complaints regarding staff at the Irish Centre. This was refuted by the chair and other officers of the Council.

At this stage, the An. Chaplain, Rev. Fr. P. J. Murray assumed and addressed the meeting and thanked that the same happy feeling and good relations would continue and apologised for a public statement he had made in bad taste to some people at the annual Dinner/Dance of the Westmeath An. Mr. McCaffrey, Westmeath thanked Fr.



Murray for his remarks and accepted the apology.  
The acting chairman with others thanked J. Murray  
for coming along to address the meeting.

### Press Report

Mr. P. Byrne raised the matter of a report in the Irish  
Independent relating to the Council and the suggested  
suspension of the Kildare an. Cross comments  
between the C'man, Mr. Byrne and Mr. F. Clinton,  
Dublin, mentioned in the report and who was given  
the liberty to quote the article in full ensued.

Eventually it was decided that Hon Sec. should  
write Mr. Nicholls of the Irish Independent and outline  
the true facts of the meeting was carried on the  
proposition of Mr. Byrne, seconded by Mr. W.  
Malone, Kildare.

This concluded the business of the meeting. Prayers  
was repeated and the C'man led prayers in votes  
of sympathy sympathies passed to the C'man, Mr. J.  
Conway on the death of his Father-in-Law and  
Mr. P. T. Caffrey, Westmeath on the death of his father.  
Sandwiches and tea ended the night's proceedings

James Gowdrey  
12/1/67.



Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Irish  
County Associations held at the Irish Centre  
on Wednesday 9th March at 8.30pm. The Chairman  
Mr. Jimmy O'Flynn presided. The minutes of the  
previous meeting were read and adopted.  
The only correspondence was a letter from  
John Baker re the Annual Dinner. The interim  
report was adopted and the balance of bank  
was £3.14.

A discussion followed regarding the Counties  
who were not represented at the Annual  
General Meeting. Some of the counties concerned  
indicated that they were now active again  
but were not aware of the A.C.A. It was also  
agreed that notification be sent out to the  
the delegates from each county for all  
future meetings. The Secretary stated that  
he would endeavour to obtain an up to date  
listing for all county associations.

On a discussion on the Annual Dinner  
it was decided that we would alter the  
date to 24th May if this was available  
from John Baker. It was also decided  
that each county should take ten tickets  
and endeavour to dispose of same, and  
numbers to be verified a week before  
the dinner and final numbers as near  
the date as possible.

Mr. Jim Cummins Kilkenny asked if greater  
integration could take place within the  
county associations as this he felt would  
be quite beneficial to all. A discussion



followed and it was agreed in principle that a happy state of integration was in existence. On the question of All-Ireland Tickets the same delegate asked if any contact could be made to try and get some tickets for the All-Ireland Finals.

It was decided to invite The Taoiseach and leader of the two Opposition Parties to the Annual Dinner and that only the party leaders be accepted. The Assistant Secretary was to contact the leader of the Labour Party & the secretary to write to the other parties.

The St. Patrick's Parade to be held on Sunday 13th March was discussed and it was decided the officers would carry the Council flag and all counties would march with their banners, and each county provide stewards for their own county.

Mrs. Kate Kennedy proposed this be the order of the meeting for the new officers for the coming year. Tickets were paid to all delegates. A Sub Committee to deal with the quiz was selected to make decisions regarding prizes, venues etc. The members were P. Hegarty, D. O'Leary, P. Byrne, Heath, J. Griffin, Waterford and Mrs. Waters. Sligo. 20

G. O'F. Lynn

17th April 1967



# Minutes of an executive meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations

## Minutes of Meeting



Minutes of Meeting held at Irish Centre on Wed 17<sup>th</sup> April 1967 at which Mr Gerard O Flynn Chairman presided. The President together with Officers & Delegates as per the Register were present.

The Chairman declaring the Meeting opened, welcomed Mr Sheridan who addressed the assembly on the following points: - (1) The formation of a boys brass band & the request for each County group to buy an instrument & uniform. (2) The Weekly Pool to be run to cut expenses of the debt on the Irish Centre.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were then read, approved & signed on the proposition of Michael Ryan & seconded by Paddy Byrne.

Correspondence were read from the West Meath Association. Arising from the one dealing with the formation of a youth association. Kilkenny, Dublin & Limerick delegates supported this good idea & a special meeting was arranged for the Irish Centre on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. The Officers also to discuss the matter with Mr Sheridan.

The Hon/ Treasurer's Report for March/April showed a Credit balance of £382.-19-11. & was adopted on the proposition of Mr P. Byrne & seconded by Mr P. Bradley. The Chairman thanked Mr Watens on his excellent work.



On the subject of the D. Dance on May 20<sup>th</sup> the question of the band was left to Mr O'Gorman. & to engage having Mr Cahill for the Interval was passed on the proposition of P. Byrne. & seconded by Mr O'Neill. (Kierney). Other matters in Connection with same were left over to the next Meeting.

On the question of the Acc. Inquis. extra changes, after much discussion it was agreed to invite Mr McGrath P.R.O. Acc. Inquis. to a special Meeting convened for The Irish Centre. on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Chairman & Sec or delegates to be present as well as all other Irish kindred organisations.

The Quiz organiser Mr Watens gave a report on the 1966/67 Competitions & distributed the Current draw to the delegates. A letter was read re Irish County Club 1965/66. and £4-4-0 fee. Much discussion resulted as a result of the letter & many delegates voiced their approval & disapproval as to the future of an Irish County premises of their own. Eventually it was decided on the proposition of Jim Griffin & seconded by Michael Ryan. that a special might be set aside to deal with this matter & the present Officers to form the Board of Directors. June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Irish Centre was the date fixed. Mr Watens suggested that an early start be made on the Cambridgehire Draw.



The question of the booking of the Irish Centre Kennedy Hall. for May 20th. was raised by Mr Joe Daly Dublin. The Sub-Committee involved were to endeavour to re-arrange the fixture.

Tickets for The D Dance were distributed as follows. Clare 10, Mr Gorman 20, West Meath 10, Cork 10. Derry 10, Waterford 10. Teemanagh 20. Roscommon 10, Limerick 10. Wexford 10. Kilkenny 10. Dublin 10, Meath 10. Kerry 10. 160 in all.

The Dublin delegate notified the Meeting of a Mass for the late Fr Curley O.S.A. who was for many years working in London. This concluded the business of the meeting. Progress ~~the~~ was reported by the C/man who thanked the delegates. for their attendance & the meeting ended at 11.10 PM.

G. F. Ryan

17th May 1967.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre on Wednesday 17th May 1967

The Chairman Mr. Gerry O'Flynn in declaring the meeting open advised the delegates that the main business of the meeting was the finalising of the details regarding the Annual Dinner. He also advised that in the three States political in Ireland would be represented by Mr Donogh O'Malley, Mr. Liam Cosgrave and Mr. Brendan



leaving. As the figure was not in excess of two hundred and fifty it was decided that all would endeavour to get any extra members to attend and confirm the numbers with the Hon Secretary as soon as possible.

During the minutes on the question of the youth club various views were expressed as to the poor attendance at the meeting called in connection with same.

During also from the minutes Mr. Tom Wyke advised that the Irish Centre Weekly Pool was launched quite successfully and that the prize money was almost £50. Mr Wyke stated that members of the County Association were giving every support to the pool and said that present indications were that the prize money would become quite substantial in time.

Mr. Robert King of the Cavan Association advised that the Cavan Association had donated an instrument to the boys band and that a member of their Association also gave an instrument. The Chairman thanked the Cavan Association for their donation and said that certain hon would be acknowledged.

On the proposition of the Kilkenny Delegate seconded by the Cavan Delegate it was decided the council should give twenty five pounds towards the cost of the band instruments.



On any other business the Chairman made reference to an article which appeared in the Sunday newspaper and various views were expressed. The Chairman was congratulated by Mr. James Cummins for the statement he made regarding the article. It was agreed that the matter be investigated and should the facts be false an invitation be sent to Mr. Bellamy to attend a social meeting and prominent county members with experience be requested to attend and discuss the matter with him.

On the proposition of Mr. Joe Sealy Dublin it was decided to endeavour to get a weekly news column in some of the Irish Papers regarding the functions & activities of the various county Associations. The matter was left to the various counties to send in news items to the Press Officer Mr. Lenny Murphy and he would endeavour to have them published.

Mr. Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to Mrs. Quinn on her recent bereavement. This concluded the business of the meeting.

G. O'Flynn

21st June 1967.



# Council of Irish County An.

21/6/67

Mr. Gerry O'Flynn, Galway, chairman of the above, presided at the June monthly meeting, and held at the John F. Kennedy Memorial Hall, Irish Centre, on Wed, June 21st, 1967. There was a good attendance as per signed attendance sheet. The chairman declaring the meeting opened and called on the Hon. Sec. to read the minutes of the last general meeting which were duly read, approved and signed on the proposition of Mr. T. Gillespie, Roscommon, seconded by Mr. L. Kennedy, Sligo.

## Correspondence

a letter was read from Fr. Gleidan O.M.I. An. Chaplain, Irish Centre re the formation of the Boys Brass Band and donations re the purchasing of instruments.

a letter was read from the Hon Sec of the Kerry An. re funds to help carry out extensions to their hotel at Bawnass. It was passed on a show of hands to donate 20 guineas.

## Hon. Treas. Report.

Mr. M. Waters, submitted his monthly report which showed a cash credit of £474-18-11, annual dinner to be paid and only 17 Counties affiliated out of 29. It was adopted on the proposition of Mr. O'Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Kennedy. On the matter of the Cambridgeshire Draw Raffle Tickets, amongst U.I.A. and Brest Irish Society were to make purchase of same.

An appeal was made for the return of outstanding monies and copies of Cuinneachán 1916, issued by Mr. Todgh Trehan, Irish Embassy.

The bill of £551 for annual dinner had a small discussion and it was agreed that Bill should be paid when all outstanding monies were to hand. The C'man appealed to counties still in arrears to make good with the Hon Treas.

## Irish County Club

The C'man gave a report of the recent held meeting in connection with the Irish County Club, 1962. Mr. Michael Ryan, Tipperary, Hon. Sec. promised to look into the legal matter and report back as soon as possible.



## Des Linges

He c'nna improve the meeting that he was very disappointed at the attendance who turned up for the special meeting to discuss the increase in des jones, Etc. Some delegates held the view that the matter should not be entertained and eventually no action was taken re pursuing further meetings and des Linges

## Quiz Contest.

Mr. Waters gave his report on the up-to-date situation on the Quiz Contest, after it was agreed to allow Desmond compete in a 3 corner wine with Galway & Close, fixed for Irish Centre on July, 12<sup>th</sup>

## Newsletter

He has been reported that no items of news were received from associations and hence no Newsletter could be published

## Press Reports.

A discussion took place re Press Reports in some Irish Daily and Sunday papers. Thanks was voiced to Cork Examiner for their help and the discussion ended with no action agreed upon.

## Next Meeting

This concluded the business of the meeting. The C'nor thanked the delegates for their attendance and the July monthly meeting was fixed for Wed, 19<sup>th</sup> July, 1967, at the Irish Centre.

## Irish Gene.

A register of bands to be made available for circulation to associations.

J. H. Anglin

19/7/67



Minutes of a meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre, on Wednesday 19th July 1964.

Mrs. J. Vaughan presided in the unavoidable absence of the Chairman Mr. C. O'Shea. Declaring the meeting open the Vice Chairman requested the secretary to read the minutes of the previous meeting which were read and signed as correct after an item regarding the register of bands was included.

Correspondence was read from the Secretary of the Boy Brass Band offering a suggestion that a donation be made available rather than councils buying their own instruments so that the total of instruments be purchased from the one source.

The Treasurer Mr. Michael Waters gave a detailed report about the income and expenditure since the last meeting and reported a balance of £

The Treasurer & Chairman requested that any outstanding money on the Annual Dinner be paid as quickly as possible so that the accounts could be paid at the latter's convenience. The Treasurer dealing with the Cambridge Street Swan stated that if all the tickets taken were sold the profit would be in excess of £100.

Mrs. Vaughan had a copy of the *Des Lignes* newsletter and he said that following a meeting with *Des Lignes* representatives, they had promised to include items of



news regarding county associations. A general discussion followed and it was agreed that county associations would send their news items to the publicity officer Mr. Tom Murphy and he would submit the details to the Liaison. The Chairman wished the Secretary a speedy return to his home following his recent hospitalisation.

On the other business Mr. Wynn asked if any further developments had transpired regarding the article published in "The People". The Secretary stated that he had not written to Mr. Bottoms as he understood the Chairman in connection with the Irish Embassy was dealing with the matter. The Chairman wished all the delegates an enjoyable holiday and said the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 20th September. This concluded the business of the meeting.

G. O'Flynn

20th Sept 1967



# Council of Irish County Associations

## September monthly meeting.

Mr. Gerry O' Hlynn, Galway, Chairman of the Council of Irish County Associations presided at the September monthly meeting of the above and held at the Irish Centre, Camden Town, on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> 1967.

The Chairman declaring the meeting opened and welcomed the delegates after their holiday recess. He then called on the Hon. Sec. Mr. M. O' Connor to read the minutes of the last general meeting which were duly read, approved and signed on the proposition of Mr. Kennedy and recorded by C. Fogarty.

Arising out of the minutes in answer to a question by the chairman, T. Murphy, Gen. Officer informed the meeting that no County Association had sent notes on their functions in preparation for the Bif Monthly Iris published by Aer Lingus. The Chairman appealed to the delegates to send in their circulars in readiness for the next issue, closing day of 15<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1967.

### Hon Treasurer's Report

Mr. Michael Waters, Hon Treasurer, submitted his report which was adopted after a lengthy debate on the annual Dinner/Dance on the proposition of Mr. Byrne and recorded by Mr. Butler. The Hon. Treas. stated that the final figure of money on the Dinner and the Bill to Booker's was still outstanding. An appeal to have the matter completed by the next meeting was



ected by the Chairman.

### Saturday Night allocation.

It was passed on the proposition of Mr. Fogarty recorded by Mr. Kennedy that all applications from County Associations for Saturday nights at the John F. Kennedy Memorial Hall be in the hands of the Secretary who would summon a meeting of the Sub-Committee within the following seven days with the view of allocating the number available to the Sub-Committee by the Irish Centre.

### Quiz.

Following much discussion on the Quiz Competition in which many delegates took part, it was decided that Dublin be not allowed back into the contest, despite a strong plea from Mr. Joe Sealy, the Dublin delegate.

### Cambridgeshire Draw.

The Cambridgeshire Draw was fixed for Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October, 1967 and all monies and tickets were to be with the Hon Treasurer on or before that evening. In view of it clashing with the October monthly meeting, it was decided to hold this meeting on Thursday, October, 19<sup>th</sup> at the Irish Centre, Condon Town. This concluded the business of the meeting and the Chairman thanked all for their kind attendance.

S. Flynn 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 1967.



# Council of Irish County Associations.

## October Monthly Meeting

Mr. Casey O'Flynn, Galway, C'man of the Council of Irish County Associations, presided at the October monthly meeting and held at The Irish Centre, on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> 1967. Delegates present as per signed attendance sheet.

The c'man declaring the meeting opened, welcomed the delegates and called on the Hon. Sec: to read the minutes of the previous meeting which then were duly read, approved and signed on the proposition of Mr. P. Byrne, seconded by Mr. J. Beady.

Correspondence was read from Mr. Joyce, Press Information officer, Aer Lingus, giving closed dates for receiving Associations' Articles for publication in their Bi-monthly "Irish".

Mr. Michael Waters, Hon. Treas. submitted his report which showed money credit of £211-17-2 with Cambridgehire Draw Prize Money yet to be paid. On the matter of annual Dinner / Dance tickets outstanding, Mr. P. Byrne stated that those people should be named. The Hon. Sec. mentioned some and further stated that other ticket holders still outstanding were "SAFE" and he would endeavour to complete the matter by the next general meeting. The c'man concluded the debate by appealing to all concerned to have it finalised by the November monthly meeting. The Hon. Treas. report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. R. Butler, seconded by Mr. M. Ryan.

Quiz Reports were submitted by Mr. Waters (County Quiz) and Mr. P. Byrne (Individual) and fixtures made for October and November at The Irish Centre.

A discussion took place re the allocation of Saturday nights at the John F. Kennedy Hall. Some applications in writing were received and it was agreed that the Sub-Committee recently appointed meet within 7 Days to allocate in conjunction with.



Mr. Hackett. Alleged statements re slight disturbances on the entrance door by late comers on Saturday nights at the John F. Kennedy Hall, <sup>were made</sup> by Westmeath & Louth delegates. Mr. Sheridan who was present said that a misunderstanding arose over the doorman who would now always be available to those holding functions on Saturday nights. Mr. Griffin, Waterford mentioned that excessive charges for Bacon & Cabbage Suppers should be averted which might mean an increase in cost of meal. Mr. T. Murphy, Wexford and the Hon Sec. did not agree with the Waterford delegates statement and the matter ended.

The C'man informed the meeting that the former C'man Mr. Jim Conway, Cavan, had given the Ashmore Dance Hall, Balham, for a fund raising function on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 67. Tickets were available to Counties after the meeting.

Lists of forthcoming functions were handed in and note taken of them by the C'man.

The meeting concluded with a vote of deepest sympathy to the vice-chairman, Mr. John Vaughan, Clonsilla on ~~the death of his sister~~ his recent bereavement. and prayers led by the chairman were recited. R.I.P.

G. T. Lynn

15th November 1967



# Council of Irish County Associations

## November Monthly meeting

Mr. Geary O'Flynn, Galway, C'man of the Council of Irish County Associations presided at the November monthly meeting of the above and held in The Green Room of The Irish Centre, on Wednesday, November, 15<sup>th</sup>. 1967. Attendance as per signed attached sheet. Mr. P. Byrne, apologised for non attendance.

He declared the meeting opened and called on the Hon. Sec. to read the minutes of the last general meeting which were duly read, approved and signed by the C'man on the proposition of Mrs. Murphy, seconded by Miss M. Conway.

Correspondence from the C.I.D.A. re Irish Club Conference on Jan: 28<sup>th</sup> was read. Representatives to be decided at a later meeting. A letter from U.I. Ass. re Centenary Dinner at Irish Club to commemorate Terenure Rising. On proposition of Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. O'Hara, the Chairman and his wife will represent the council at the function. Other County Ass. wishing to attend up to two persons should contact Mr. Frank McCabe, Drogheda.

Mr. Michael Waters, Hon Treas. submitted his report which showed money in credit to £153-5-3. 26 Counties had paid affiliation as against 29 in 1966. Much discussion took place re annual Dinner / Dance. It was eventually disclosed that with sale of tickets to come, the function showed a loss of around £170. The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. Hegarty seconded by Mr. Tipperary.

Mr. Waters reported on the Quiz progress and stated Cork had now reached the semi-final stage V Longford V Sligo on Nov. 28. Kilkenny V Clare in other semi-final. 2 rounds were completed in the individual contest with 2 more rounds to be played. He hoped to have final of Gannon Cup by a date in January, 1968.

A long discussion arose over the holding of a Dinner / Dance in 1968. Several delegates stated that no dinner should be held and Mr. O'Neill, Kilkenny, criticised the Council for having no positive policy. Eventually



after a division it was passed by majority vote to hold the annual Dinner/Dance in May, 1968, at John Bockers Restaurant, Kennington. This was proposed by Mr. R. Butler seconded by Mr. D. Murphy. An amendment by Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Troy, ~~that~~ that no dinner be held received only 6 votes. On the matter of publicity, Mr. Gillman proposed and seconded by Mr. O'Hara that County An. should publicise the Council's functions in their respective County papers was carried with a motion copy of all activities sent to the press office. A further motion was carried that the dinner be held on a Saturday night with a sub-Committee of 7 as follows Chairman, Treasurer, Messrs O'Hara, Mayo, Murphy, Wicklow, Kennedy, Sligo, Malone, Kildare and Butler Tipperary to exclusively run the dinner on the proposition of T. Murphy, seconded by M. O'Connor.

The A.G.M. was fixed for Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> Feb, <sup>1968</sup> at the Irish Centre at 2.30 p.m. with Mass at 6.30. Nominations in writing to close on 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb. and all Counties to be notified by the 4<sup>th</sup> January, 1968. The Am. Sec. informed the cman that he was not seeking election next year.

Mr. T. Wyse, Cork, raised the matter of Executive meeting and stated that more could be held. He was supported by T. Murphy on the matter.

On other business, Mr. O'Hara raised the matter of the 5/- charge not recoverable on Sailing Tickets in peak periods to and from Britain to Ireland. Several members stated that the matter was taken up with British Rail & Bord Fáilte some years ago and after some discussion it was agreed that it get priority leaving for the next general meeting fixed for Wed. Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 1967.

After allocating some Sat nights to Doregal, Kildare, Roscommon, Wicklow and Mayo, the chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.35 p.m. by J. Hym 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 1967



Minutes of a meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre on 12th December 1967.

The Chairman Mr. J. O'Slynn presided together with officers and delegates as per the register. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. R. Butler and seconded by Mr. Owen O'Neill. The chairman stated that an invitation had been extended all and sundry to attend the social organised by Mr. P. Byrne following the Navarino meeting.

Correspondence was read from the Irish Embassy dealing with travel to Ireland during the foot & mouth outbreak. Various views were expressed regarding travel to Ireland and it was decided on the proposition of Mr. D. Murphy (Wicklow) seconded by Mr. Lacey (Westmeath) that the Council should send a protest to the Irish Government to instruct them to close the ports without any further delay.

The Treasurer gave a detailed account of the income and expenditure during the past month. He stated that we received £40 from Mr. James Conway from a dance held at the Arannore Club, Ballinacorney. The chairman stated that from the attendance at the dance he felt this amount was a donation and thanked Mr. Conway for this gesture. It was decided a letter be sent to Mr. Conway thanking him for the donation. The Treasurer's report was accepted on the proposition of Mr. Ryan seconded by Mr. P. Byrne. The chairman thanked the Quir Committee for



the excellent manner in which they had conducted the quiz. Various opinions were expressed as to the future running of the quiz and the quiz Committee stated that they intended making some changes for the 1968 competition. These recommendations would be submitted to the Annual General meeting. The Chairman stated that he was negotiating for a trip to Ireland for the winners of the Individual Quiz. As this was not yet definite he did not reveal the party who were providing the trip should it materialise.

The Item on the Agenda dealing with the British Rail Charges was held over as the Mayo delegates were not present.

The Chairman stated that the Annual Dinner had been fixed for Saturday 18th May at John Barker, Kensington and that the sub-committee dealing with the dinner would be meeting shortly and would report by the next meeting.

On the Saturday night at the Kennedy Hall, it was agreed that the allocations made be final. An application for 11th May was allocated to the Ince Association. It was decided that the list be closed and the remaining nights be made available to the Ince Centre. The Chairman asked all the delegates the compliments of the season and thus concluded the business of the meeting. The January meeting was fixed for Tuesday 16th January 1968 at 8.30pm.

G. O'Flynn

16th January 1968



Minutes of a meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations held at the Irish Centre on 17th Feb 68.

The Chairman Mr G. O'Flynn presided together with officers and delegates as per the register. An apology was received from the Secretary who was absent through illness.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposal of Mrs Murphy seconded by J. Vaughan.

Arising from the minutes an enquiry from J. Griffin (Waterford) about the availability of the Irish Centre Hall on 25th May was referred to the special committee dealing with the hall allocations.

There was no correspondence read.

The Treasurer gave a detailed account of the income and expenditure since the last meeting. The Bank Balance stood at £234-13-8. The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr (Offely) seconded by J. Brady. Mr Waters told delegates the final of the Individual Quiz would take place in the Irish Centre on 23rd January. It had been decided to arrange the draw for the 1968 Inter-County Quiz at the January meeting but as Mr. Waters had not received all the prospective entries it was decided to postpone the draw until the A.G.M. After discussion it was agreed that no entry be accepted after the draw and that counties could enter one team only for the quiz.

The Chairman reminded delegates that the Council A.G.M. would take place on Sunday 25 February at 2.30 p.m. sharp in the Irish Centre.



All affiliated Associations had been sent notice of the meeting and the delegates were again reminded that proposals for the election of officers and proposed amendments to the Constitution must be returned to the Secretary by February 3rd. Any number of delegates from each county could attend but only four would be allowed to vote in the elections.

Mr. Luke O'Hara (Mayo) raised the question of the British Rail charge of  $5\frac{1}{2}$ , not recoverable, on peak sailing ticket charges from Britain to Ireland. After lengthy discussion it was decided to invite representatives from British Rail to the March Council meeting. The meeting would start at 8 p.m. to enable the British Rail item to be first on the agenda.

On other business, the Chairman read a report from the 'Finchley Times' dated January 12th. in which the manager of a Victor Value Supermarket in Cricklewood made a specific reference to the large Irish element in the area when interviewed about shoplifting from the store under his control. When delegates had finished discussing this, it was agreed that the Chairman write to the Directors of Victor Value deploring the statement. Several delegates also stated they would write in protest to local Victor Value Supermarkets in their area.

As the N.F.A. in Ireland had sent donations to four of the main Irish Centres in Britain at Christmas time, it was agreed the Secretary write them a letter of thanks.

Before closing the meeting, the Chairman passed a vote of sympathy to Luke Kennedy (Sligo) on the death



of his mother.

The next meeting would be the A.G.M.  
and there being no further business, the  
meeting ended at 10.30 p.m.

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HORSES	No	Name
APEX II	4175	UNITED IRELAND
PADDY KIN	22841	WATERFORD ASSOC
WIDE AWAKE	3731.	T. J. MALONE
WOLVERHAMLOW	5507	MRS F. STALLY
G. DABY	23840	A. O'DWYER N. 4
OWEN ANTH	17917	EILEEN MC CANN
PETROS	11708	WESTMEATH
CHINGNU	8300	E. ROCHI E W. 14
WACHER	3190	B. M. TURREY WEXFORD
LUDON	3230	WATERFORD ASSOC.
RESSILANCE	31138	E. NORTON N. 4
LUCKY BISCUIT	5402	MR. LARTER NORFOLK
OFF THE HOOK.	12255	MAYO ASSOC.
STREA KEY.	37606	E. NOLAN S.W. 17
HANTON JET.	37900	R. GLENNON @ Surry
HAILEY'S DOUBT	18735	C. BRIDGE ACO W. 3.
LE GARSON	3707	J. C. DUNN HCHGATE.
STRAIGHT MATTER	18261.	O. TEEVANS LUTON.
MY SWANNY	16291.	J. O'CONNELL WEASTON
BOY JET.	27851	MAYO ASSOC.
PERSIAN GENIUS	17918	M. MC CANN Munster
CUMSHAW.	15466	R. FARREN
DANIELA	17275	M BUCKLEY. N.W. 1.
LADY MAGISTRAT	24602	LATTY DUBLIN ASSOC
HARVEST FLAN	37009	D. PARKER WEST DRAYTON
SILVER BECKER	10465	ROSCOMMON ASSOC
HANG ON	24252	TIPP ASSOC
BLUE RILLA	18002	D. MC KEOWN. SW. 8.
BEN NEVIS	23816	B. LYONS D/CATTLE
RED SWAN	24170	TIPP ASSOC
CROSSBOW	25176	GUNTER ARMS



Horze	No	Name
HIGH TABLE	3949	B. SOUTER W. 14.
(Good) MATCH.	6102	K. H. DARC
FULL WYSE.	4532	MRS B. McCoy Sw. 17
MIDNIGHT	8273	E. STAFF N. W 1.



# Council of Irish County Associations

Executive Meeting 21/9/66

Mr. James Conway, Chairman of the Council of Irish County Associations, presided at an executive meeting and held at the Irish Centre, Camden Town, N.W.1, on Wed; 21st. Sept, 1966. Also present were Miss Mary Conway, Messrs G. O'Hlynn, V. C'man, Michael Waters, Hon. Treas. Wm. Barron, Thomas Wyse, Patrick Byrne, T. Murphy and Maurice O'Connor, Hon. Secretary. <sup>apologies were received from</sup> Messrs Nee & Vaughan.

The minutes of the previous meeting were duly read, approved and signed on the proposition of Mr. O'Hlynn, recorded by Mr. Wyse.

Arising from the minutes, Mr. Wyse informed the chairman that he had set the wheels in motion inviting Mr. Jack Lynch, Minister for Justice in Eire and Mr. George Brown, Deputy Prime Minister to the Council Dinner on 9th Nov. 1966. He promised to pursue the matter with the view of receiving more compensation to ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> same.

A short discussion took place on the request for the arranged meeting of 7 delegates with the Irish Centre's Administrative and Irish Centre Club Committees. The <sup>Hon</sup> Sec stated that he handed the second letter for an appointment to Mr. B. Duggan and had received no reply same. Mr. O'Hlynn mentioned that he was speaking to Mr. John Nee, Secretary that evening, who informed him that no application for such a meeting was received in writing from the Council. Mr. O'Connor stated that he would pursue the matter.

The C'man moved a vote of deep sympathy to Executive member Mr. John Vaughan, close and to the Community and relatives of the Late Sister Kamonn O'Sullivan.

This concluded the business of the meeting and the next Executive meeting was fixed for the Irish Club, Eaton Square, S.W.1, on Tues, Oct. 4th at 9.30 p.m.



It was also decided that no invitations be issued to the present officers.

The Sec also stated that 28<sup>th</sup> Oct was the date of the dance for the Council Funds, fixed for the Sparham Ballroom. A suggestion of 10 Tickets for each County was decided on.

Irish Centre.

The matter of press Reports in connection with changes at the Irish Centre was raised by Mr. O'Flynn. Mr. Wyse also raised the matter of press Reports relevant to the Council. No action was agreed upon and the Secretary was requested to follow up for a meeting with the officers of the Irish Centre and the Irish Centre Club with the Council delegation agreed at the July monthly meeting of the Council.

This concluded the business of the meeting and the next Executive meeting was fixed for 7.45 p.m. at the Irish Centre, on Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> Sept. 1966.

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# Council of Irish County Association

Executive Committee 5-9-1966

Mr. James Conway, Chairman, presided at a meeting of the above, held at the Irish Club, Eaton Square, S.W.1, on Monday, September, 5<sup>th</sup> 1966. Also present were Messrs G.O. Flynn Vice-Chairman, John Nee, Thomas Wyse, T. Murphy and Maurice O'Connor, Hon. Secretary.

The Chairman in his opening address stated that as a meeting of the officers of the St. Patrick's Parade were meeting that evening, he suggested that we should come to-gather to review the intermediate term of activities.

The Hon. Sec. informed the meeting that our President, Mr. Tom Gorman was staging a prominent Band at the Grosvenor Ballroom, on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> the date of the annual Dinner already agreed upon and suggested some other night. After some discussion on the matter, it was decided to go ahead with the 10<sup>th</sup> Nov. if Mr. Gorman would not be disappointed. It was also agreed that in view of Dr. Torsheach, Mr. Seán Lemass not been available that Mr. Jack Lynch Minister of Finance with Mr. George Brown, Deputy British Prime Minister be invited to attend. <sup>Gorman/O'Connell</sup> Mr. T. Wyse agreed to put the wheels in motion in the hope of getting the last 2 mentioned to attend. Most Rev. Dr. Patrick Casey, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster was also to be invited. Others added to the list were Irish Ambassador, Mr. Sweeney, Irish Centre, Mayor & Mayors of Brighton, Mr & Mrs J. Mullaney, B.A.A. President Tom Gorman, Very Rev. Fr. McNamara, P.P. Fr. Eamonn Casey and representatives of Irish Press, Irish Independent and Cork Examiner.



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